



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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DA 10-213

Katherine R. Gould
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Palos Verdes Library District
701 Silver Spur Rd.
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Dear Ms. Gould:

This letter grants your request, dated January 18, 2010, on behalf of the Palos Verdes Library District (the District) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers during upcoming government emergency drills.

In your request, you state that the District will be holding radio-check disaster preparedness drills on February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. You state that these exercises will test radio equipment readiness, operator familiarity with the equipment, and operator familiarity with message relays for back-up communications in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. The drills will be held at various locations on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, California. You state that each school will transmit for about twenty seconds.¹

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. You therefore request a waiver of this rule to permit the following District employees to transmit communications on behalf of their employer in connection with these exercises: Dallas Millican, KI6BGD; Katherine Gould, KI6BVE; Marjeanne Blinn, KI6CIT; Debra Petersen, KI6BVH; James O'Grady, KI6BVG; Mary Cohen, KI6BVN; Eve Wittenmyer, KI6BVK; Louise Beebe, KI6CIS; Emily Ohara, KI6CIP; Laura Henry, KI6BGP; Janice Neidhart, KI6BVI; David Campbell, KI6CIN; Marisa Perley, KI6EOC; Michael Barb, KI6VGW; Linda Flint, KI6VHB; Marjorie Huskins, KI6VHD; Sylvia Richardson, KI6VHH; Phil Wesley, KI6VHG; Erik Adams, KI6VHE; Ashley Burdick, KI6VHF; Melissa Little, KI6VHC; Jennifer Addington, KI6BGF; Jennifer Chaffey, KI6VGX; Rudy Carlson, KI6BVD; Marcia O'Connor, KI6BVL; Kendel Cornwell, KI6VRW; Jesse Wolfe, KI6VGY; Patricia Chagi, KI6BVF; Suzanne Dominguez, KI6BVM; and Lorraine Bell, KI6VRV.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7 public safety exercises by permitting the specified amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the above-listed amateur employees on behalf of their employers during the February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7, 2010, exercises.

¹ We interpret your statement that each library will transmit on a "1.25cm frequency" to refer to the 1.25 *meter* band, rather than the 1.2 centimeter (cm) band, because none of the listed licensees is authorized to transmit in the 1.2 cm band. See 47 C.F.R. § 97.301.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the Palos Verdes Library District, dated January 18, 2010, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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